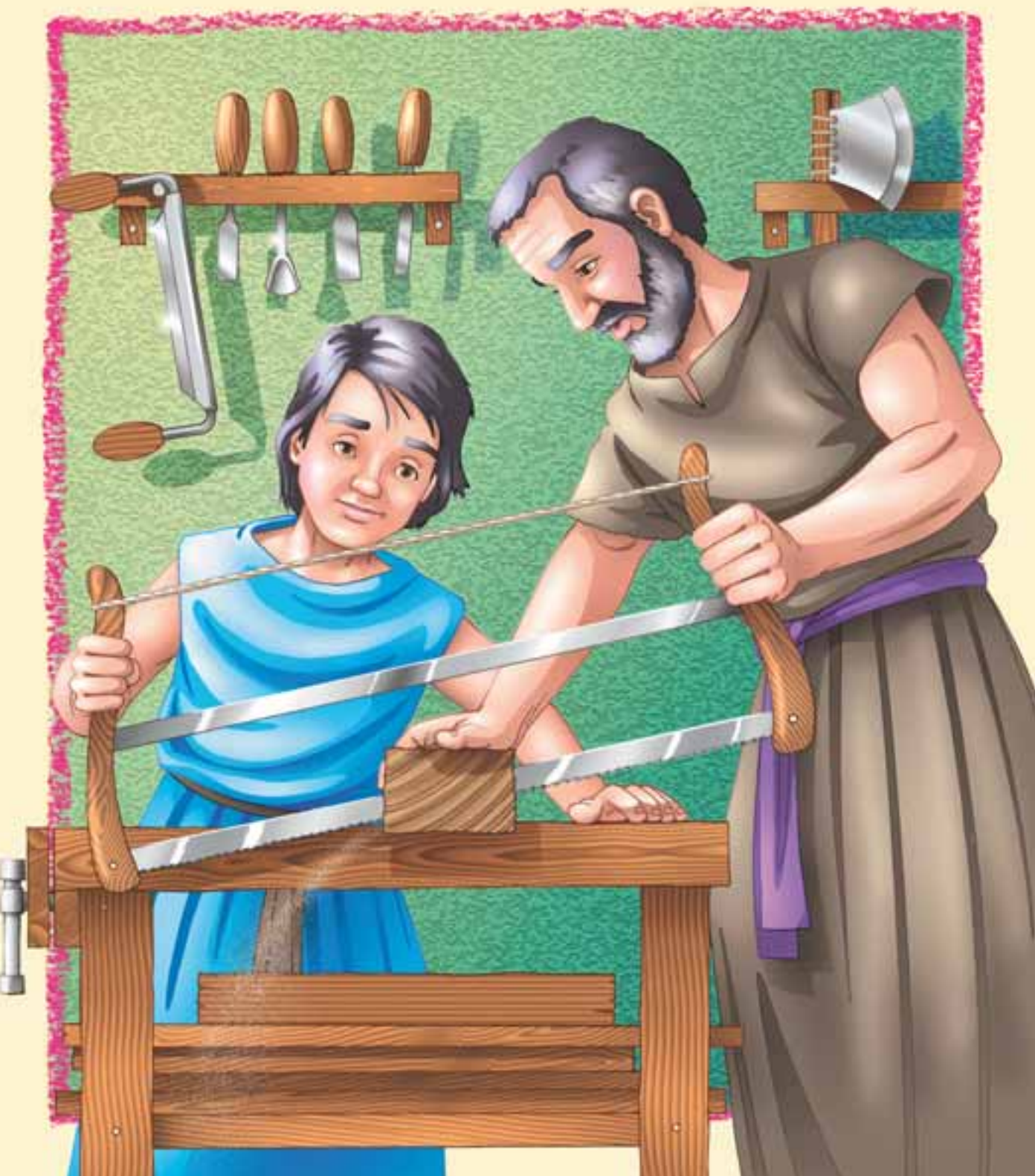




LESSON 2

REFERENCES: MATTHEW 13:55; MARK 6:3; *THE DESIRE OF AGES*, PP. 72-74.

Daddy's Helper

What are some new things you are learning to do? Are you learning new ways to help around the house? When you do your best work, you are growing up to be like Jesus.

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esus' father, Joseph, was a carpenter. A carpenter is a person who builds or fixes things made of wood.



Joseph had a workshop near his house. He built furniture in his shop. What kind of furniture do you think he made? He made chairs and tables and other things, too.

He also made tools. Do you know what a tool is? It's something you use to help you do a job. He took a stick of wood and made it smooth. Then He took a piece of stone and fastened it to the end of the stick. He made a tool to pound things. Do you know what tool Joseph made? That's right. He made a hammer.

Memory Verse

"Even a child is known by his actions."

PROVERBS 20:11, NIV.

The Message

We serve God when we do our best work.

Joseph made big tools, such as a plow, too. Do you know what a plow is? It's a tool to dig up the earth so that farmers can plant seeds. *(If possible, show your child a picture of a plow, or use a forked stick to show how a plow digs up the earth.)*

Joseph taught Jesus how to do carpenter's work. He first showed Him how to use a hammer to pound in a nail. When Jesus was older, Joseph taught Him how to use a saw to cut wood. The wood was often heavy, so Jesus grew strong muscles from lifting it up. Do you have strong muscles? Show me your muscles.

Jesus had to use a lot of sharp tools in the carpenter shop. So He was very careful when He did His work. When Jesus got bigger, Joseph let Him build things by Himself. Jesus always put all the tools away when He finished. And He helped clean up. He helped Joseph by sweeping the shop at the end of every day.

Jesus loved His father and mother. He liked helping Joseph in the carpenter shop. He liked helping Mary around the house. It made them very happy that He was so helpful. Whatever He was asked to do, Jesus did His best.

It makes me happy when you help me. What kind of things do you think you can do to help? You can water the flowers. You can bring me things. You can dust the furniture. Helping and doing your best work makes you grow up big and strong as Jesus did.



Do and Say

SABBATH

Each day this week, read the story, and practice the memory verse together.

Even a childPlace hand near the floor.

Show a child's height.

is knownPoint to forehead.

by his actions. . .Pretend you are doing something with hands.

Proverbs 20:11 . .Palms together, then open.

SUNDAY

Help your child act out ways Jesus helped His parents. Ask: What do you think Jesus learned to do? How can you be a helper like Jesus?

Hastily and sloppily stack magazines or put books back onto a shelf. Ask your child how it looks. Now let your child stack them neatly.

MONDAY

Help your child "read" the memory verse from the Bible. Talk about the word *actions* and how people notice them.

Go through your house and count all the things that are made of wood.

TUESDAY

Say: Joseph taught Jesus to use a hammer (get your child to do the motions), an ax, a drill, and a screwdriver. Were Jesus' muscles hard or soft? Show me your

muscles. Were Jesus' hands hard or soft? What do your hands feel like? Do you think He ever got dirty? Tired? Ask God to help your child be more like Jesus.

WEDNESDAY

Help your child make something with hammer and nails.



If possible, go to a lumberyard and see all the big pieces of wood. Ask: What kind of things did Jesus make? What did you make?

Thank Jesus for wood.

THURSDAY

To the tune of "Here We Go 'Round the Mulberry Bush," sing the words "This is the way we dump the trash [or other chore] . . . so I am like Jesus." Remind your child to do their very best. Thank your child for being a good helper today.

FRIDAY

Help your child teach the memory verse to the family during worship. With some toy tools, have your child pretend to be Jesus helping Joseph. Talk about how Jesus would have done His very best. Pray that each family member will do their best to be like Jesus.

